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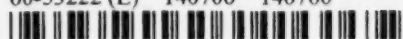
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**Identical letters dated 10 July 2000 from the Permanent
Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council**

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 10 July 2000 from Mr. Mohammed Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, in which he draws your attention to the statement made on 26 June 2000 by the Vice President of the United States of America, Mr. Al Gore. In this statement, Mr. Gore reaffirms the United States commitment to support and finance armed terrorist activities aimed at overthrowing the national regime and fomenting civil war in Iraq. The Minister requests you to assume your legal and moral responsibilities, pursuant to the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, and to put up a determined resistance to these aggressive American acts, which represent a threat to the security and stability of a sovereign State Member of the United Nations and which could also undermine security and stability in the region.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Saeed H. Hasan
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



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I should like to draw your attention to the meeting that was held on 26 June 2000 at the Department of State between the Vice President of the United States, Mr. Al Gore, the gang of client mercenaries of the United States Central Intelligence Agency which calls itself the Iraqi opposition and the leaders of the so-called Iraqi National Congress, the most senior of whom is a criminal wanted by Interpol for well-documented embezzlement. A joint statement was released on 26 June 2000 by the White House Office of the Vice President, in which the United States Administration reaffirmed its commitment to working with this gang, which represents no one and has no connection of any kind with Iraq or its people, with the aim of bringing down the national regime in Iraq. The United States Administration has undertaken to train 140 elements of this group in terrorist and spying operations. In the joint statement, the Vice President reaffirmed the Administration's strong commitment to the objective of removing Saddam Hussein from power, and bringing him and his inner circle to justice for their war crimes and crimes against humanity. He said that Saddam's removal was the key to the positive transformation of Iraq's relationship with the international community and, in particular, with the United States.

Those who should be brought to justice for their war crimes are numerous United States officials, including Vice President Al Gore himself, who has been involved in the genocidal crimes which the United States Administration has been perpetrating against the people of Iraq for the last ten years. Some of the most heinous of those crimes include the following:

1. The insistence of the United States Administration on maintaining the oppressive sanctions which have been imposed on Iraq for the past ten years, depriving the Iraqi people of the most basic necessities for life, including food and medicine. These sanctions are, according to UNICEF reports, responsible for the deaths of 1.5 million Iraqi children. Through the sanctions, the United States Administration is carrying out the systematic genocide of the Iraqi people.

General Assembly resolution 96 (I) adopted on 11 December 1946 states that genocide is a denial of the right of existence of entire human groups, and is contrary to moral law and to the spirit and aims of the United Nations.

2. The United States and the United Kingdom have unilaterally and without any legal basis imposed two so-called no-fly zones in the north and south of Iraq. These zones have been overwhelmingly rejected by the international community: demands for the repeal of this tyrannical decision are made at every meeting of the Security Council. The decision has also been rejected by three permanent members of the Security Council, namely, the Russian Federation, France and China, as well as by a large number of non-permanent members of that body.

Under the current Administration, of which Al Gore is one of the chief members and foremost policy-makers, this aggression represents a continuation of the antagonistic approach demonstrated by the United States on a daily basis, which has been one of its established policies since 1992. The daily brutal military attacks

against Iraq deliberately target innocent civilians. Heat flares are dropped with a view to incinerating agricultural crops, while the Iraqi people is suffering under oppressive sanctions the like of which have never been witnessed before. Al Gore and the most prominent members of his administration remain determined to continue the outrageous military attacks and to maintain the tyrannical sanctions in order to achieve political goals that are well known to all.

3. Al Gore and the leading members of his administration were involved in three grave acts of aggression carried out against Iraq in 1993 and 1996, as well as in the extensive 1998 operation known as Desert Fox, which caused the death and injury of hundreds of innocent civilians.

At a hearing of the Near Eastern and South Asian Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee held on 28 June 2000, Senator Brownback quoted General Zinni, commander of United States Central Command, as saying that something must be done to encourage an attack on Iraq. He also reaffirmed the commitment of the current Administration to give military training to 140 elements of the so-called Iraqi National Congress and to provide them with military *matériel* in order to undertake military operations aimed at undermining the security and stability of Iraq. The United States Department of Defense is seeking to amend the rules of engagement for United States aircraft in order to include strikes against civilian targets in the north and south of Iraq and the irrigation barrages in the marshlands.

The information which I have brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and yourself provides further proof that the Government of the United States is determined, in its international relations, to follow an extremely dangerous course that is incompatible with the duties of a permanent member of the Security Council, which has a responsibility to respect the Charter of the United Nations and the international laws governing the relations between States. Notwithstanding that responsibility, it is using acts of aggression in order to achieve political aims.

This United States policy, and the executive operations carried out by United States officials at the highest levels, constitute a flagrant violation of every international legal provision, foremost among which are the Principles contained in Article 2 of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 2625 (XXV), the provisions of which are considered by the International Court of Justice as part of international customary law and therefore binding upon States, as was stated in its 1986 judgement in the case between Nicaragua and the United States of America.

The statements made by Vice President Al Gore epitomize naked political hypocrisy. There is universal concern about such boundless hypocrisy, which is a common attribute of regimes that become tyrannical, divest themselves of all moral and spiritual values and become domineering and despotic, like a super-power, with all the power in the world, which imposes upon the world its own corrupt values and standards. As far as United States officials are concerned, a criminal is just the same as an innocent man, and a murderer no different from his victim. They permit themselves, following some law of the jungle, to bring random groundless allegations against the most illustrious people in the world, allegations that are

indicative of a loathsome and criminal mentality. The venom that has been spewed out against Iraq as a country, its leadership and people by the highest of officials in the United States Administration is the most obvious indication of the loathsome and criminal mentality of United States officials, which turns normal concepts on their heads, so that the criminal becomes a free man while the victim is fettered.

It is unequivocally clear from the foregoing that the United States is organizing and supporting armed and other operations aimed at overthrowing the national regime and fomenting civil war in Iraq. It is organizing, encouraging and financing terrorist activities carried out by a number of criminal mercenaries who are wanted by the law and have betrayed their country, and by the hirelings marshalled by the United States intelligence service. The United States is, furthermore, carrying out the systematic genocide of the Iraqi people.

We call upon you to express your rejection of this United States position, typified by interference in the internal affairs of Iraq, and to request the United States to halt such violations of international law as its inflammatory onslaughts against the security, independence and regional sovereignty of Iraq, given that this behaviour is directed against a State Member of the United Nations and is incompatible with the principles and Charter of the United Nations and with international law.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq urges the Security Council to assume its responsibilities, pursuant to the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, and to put up a determined resistance to these aggressive American acts, which constitute a threat to the security and stability of a sovereign State and could also undermine security and stability in the region.

(Signed) Mohammed Said Al-Sahaf
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq
